PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

This week marks the end of Secondary Schooling for Year 12 students. Today an Assembly, followed by morning tea in the Year 12 Room, celebrated and acknowledged the contribution that the 2015 Year 12 students have made to life at Meningie Area School over the years. We wish them well as they await the results of their studies and look forward to seeing them move in to the world as active citizens in their chosen pathways, be that work and/or study. Presentation Night, Monday 7th December will formally celebrate student achievement and awards in a range of academic and special categories. Please put the date in your calendar.

SCHOOL PLANNING – 2016

There are now four weeks of the school year remaining. The site is well underway in the planning of subjects, classes and staffing. Already we are aware of some staffing changes for next year. After teaching here for the past 7½ years Ms Elyssa Kreher will be leaving. Elyssa has won a teaching position at Murray Bridge High. She will be teaching Art in the senior school years. In her time at Meningie Elyssa has taught across both the Middle and Senior School Art, Photography, Personal Learning Plan (PLP) and Information Technologies. She has been an active contributor to, and support of, Meningie Area School Band, produced the School Magazine, and produced props and sets for several school productions. Her artistic influence can be seen around the school in murals and artwork. We will certainly miss the wonderful contribution she has made to Meningie Area School and the learning opportunities that students have had in working with her. On behalf of the school community I wish Elyssa our very best wishes and thank her for all that she had been engaged in and done.
Ms Coadette Low is also leaving at the end of the school year. Coadette won a position in teaching Science and Agriculture and has taught here for the past three years. She has made an enormous contribution to the area of Agriculture and, together with Deputy Mal Jurgs, has had great success in the showing of both sheep and cattle. Coadette has won a leadership position in an Agriculture focus school in New Zealand, not far from where she grew up. We wish Coadette well in her new endeavour. There is no doubt she will be missed both here at the school and in the community, as she has played a significant role in the Netball Club these past three years.

I am pleased to announce that both Mr Bernie Ryan and Mrs Judy Woolston have had their contracts successfully renewed and will be here in 2016.

**BULLY AUDIT**

The site is currently undergoing the second of two mandated Bully Audits. The data is collated and analysed, strategies are reviewed and plans developed. A report is prepared and will be presented at the next and last Governing Council meeting for 2015, on Monday 23rd November.

**PARENT OPINION SURVEYS**

We seek your support in engaging with the Parent Opinion Survey and taking just a short amount of time to follow the link [https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/ttjdfKZc](https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/ttjdfKZc) and complete. Additionally you may have received an email asking for your completion. The Parent Opinion Survey, as well as that of the Staff Opinion Survey, and Student Opinion Survey is a requirement of DECD. It is used in the Annual Report. Most importantly it does give very useful information that is used in the development of future strategies and plans. I thank you in anticipation of your support in this regard. **PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL SURVEYS NEED TO BE COMPLETED BY WEDNESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2016.**

*Monica Williams, Principal*

**REMEMBRANCE DAY**

To commemorate Remembrance Day this year the school decided to make full use of the Meningie Memorial Park by taking all of our classes to attend the community service held there. The weather was on our side, making the journey there a pleasant walk along the Pelican Path, where our older students could see how the plants that they had helped plant out are progressing.

The students conducted themselves very well throughout the service, respecting the memory of those who have given their lives in the service of our country, watched over by the mural of the Ngarrindjeri soldiers who served in World War 1.

Jemma Williams and Shania Weetra, two of our School Captains, represented the student body by placing a wreath. They were joined by Taylor Long and Courtney Rigney, who laid a wreath on behalf of all of the students who have participated in Connecting Spirits projects over the past 10 years. The Reception class left small poppies that they had made after the service.

*Mal Jurgs, Deputy Principal*
STATE LIBRARY ADVENTURE

Year 8 and 9 students recently enjoyed a visit to the State Library of South Australia. This year the State Library Foundation decided to engage students in what they have to offer by inviting schools to attend a free session specifically designed around the History Curriculum and World War 1.

Students were introduced to the role of the State Library; shown how they could access information from the vast collections online as well as being treated to a tour of the basement where access is usually denied. It was here that we were able to see the vast number of artefacts and memorabilia stored, and sometimes restored, by the library. Many items are donated by families and institutions for safe keeping, so we were able to see examples of personal letters, photos and diaries of World War 1 soldiers to their loved ones.

Time to discover and enjoy the exhibits in the Mortlock Chamber was a highlight and most agreed that it deserves to be listed in the top 20 most beautiful libraries in the world. This was a great experience for our students and many I’m sure will return in the future or, at the very least, make use of their online services.

Denice Mason (Year 8/9 HASS Teacher)

MAS TEAM SAILING FUNDRAISER

As a part of the fundraising effort for Meningie Area School’s Team Sailors to go to Victor Harbour for the Regional’s in 2016, Liz Rogers is fundraising for the team by gathering orders for “YOUR INSPIRATION AT HOME”. Please support the team and consider placing an order from the enclosed catalogue “YOUR INSPIRATION AT HOME”. Orders with payment can be made at the front office until Wednesday 26th November. Orders will be delivered by Thursday 10th December 2015.

LIBRARY NEWS

Meningie School Community Library is now connected to the whole Public Library Network of South Australia and you can search, reserve and extend loans over the internet by logging onto the library website.

- www.libraries.sa.gov.au/coorong

Parents and friends Drop in to the library and make use of the free Wi-Fi and new touch screen computers or just relax and read a book in a comfy chair. Read The Advertiser and check out current issue magazines. Loads of DVDs are also available to loan so if you are looking for something to do make sure you visit your library.

Paper plane competition
Enter your paper plane into the Library competition and have it displayed in the Library. Prizes for the most creative and best flying planes.

- Next Wednesday at Lunch time is the Great Fly Off

Colouring in competition
Haunted House competition still available to enter. Colour in and decorate a Haunted House to win a prize. Next Friday is the last day to get your entries in.
2015 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

If you are a parent who recently indicated they would like a magazine PLEASE MAKE PAYMENT OF $18 AS A MATTER OF URGENTY to the front office or send in an envelope with your child marked with your name, school magazine and number of copies.

SAPSASA TENNIS

In the first week of November Ben Schaefer and I went to Adelaide to play SAPSASA Tennis as part of the Murray Mallee team. We played at the Peake Gardens Tennis Courts. Our team had wins against Mid South East and Kangaroo Island but lost to Northern/Whyalla, Western Eyre Peninsula, Northern Yorke Peninsula, Murraylands and Central Eyre Peninsula. It was a lot of fun and we certainly saw a lot of good tennis players.

Henry Turner (Year 6)

SUPER 8 CRICKET

On Friday the 23rd October, the Yr 8/9 class (Boys – Dylan Gubbin, Riley McNicol, Tom Schaefer, Colin Baldock, Daniel Bland, Jiye Hoad, Jai Ling, Lochie McPherson, Ashley Reid and Samuel Rigney, Girls – Kayla Rebner, Skyeisha Rigney, Aimee Brooks, Gena Mansfield, Bree Stone, Georgie Tiver and Dakota Wenske) travelled to Tintinara with Mrs Hood & Mr Ryan to participate in the Upper South East (USE) Super 8 Cricket competition.

The game is played with 8 players - the girls had to borrow a player from another school and the boys had to rotate players off the field. Each player must bowl an over of 6 legal balls. If a bowler bowled a no ball the batter was awarded a free hit off a cone. Players could score runs by actually running, hitting 4’s and 8’s. Most of the boys tried to hit 8’s. That’s basically over the boundary cones on the full, however there were some superb catches from mistimed hits.

The boys team finished 3rd, Keith were the winners & Tinti the runner up.

The girls finished 6th, Coomandook were the winners and Karoonda 2 runner up.

It was a fun day for all students, with the main aim of participation, team work and sportsmanship. Well done to the students on the way they conducted themselves and I look forward to taking students to the competition next year.

Mrs Hood

Students with a GROWTH MINDSET see effort as the path to mastery.
YMCA SCHOOL HOLIDAY SUMMER CAMPS

Why not join the YMCA Camping team on a fun filled school holiday camp these summer holidays!

This summer YMCA Camping has plenty of camps on offer with a huge variety of awesome activities to keep your children busy throughout the summer holidays.

A teen surf camp, a Kangaroo Island Adventure, Caving at Naracoorte and a New Years Party are just some of the amazing camps we have planned for this summer!

YMCA Holiday Camps are very popular and places are limited. Book now to secure your place in the sun, and join us for Fun, Friendship and Adventure!

All the details and booking form can be found on the YMCA website – www.sa.ymca.org.au/our-services/ymca-camping/school-holiday-camps/

Contact YMCA Camping on 8406 2900 or campingsa@ymca.org.au for more details.